

# CONGRESS MUST NOT ADJOURN BEFORE VOTING ON MORE ACCESS TO AMERICAN OIL RESERVES

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, the American people deserve more access to American oil. And now that the President has lifted the ban on offshore drilling, Congress must not adjourn until the American people get a vote on more domestic drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf.

In a day when some in this body say it is their duty to "save the planet," I prefer the words of Daniel Webster that are chiseled on the wall behind me. He said a century ago, "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers." And so I add to my colleagues, let us develop the resources of our land. Let us give the American people more access to American oil.

Americans won't get a vacation from high gas prices, so Congress should not take a vacation until we vote to lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

Madam Speaker, do not adjourn this Congress until we give the bipartisan, pro-drilling majority a vote on more access to our oil reserves.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT OFFSHORE DRILLING

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Well, Madam Speaker, now we know the truth, that the television ad that the Republican Presidential candidate is using to impugn the patriotism of his Democratic opponent is a complete fabrication. So I guess we shouldn't be too surprised when the same camp is trying to convince the American people that offshore oil drilling is going to reduce the price of gas. Sure, it will—in more than a decade, by two to four cents. In fact, the Bush/Cheney administration's own Energy Information Administration has said that ending the Federal moratorium "is certainly not going to make a difference in the next 10 years."

In fact, the Big Oil companies already have access to more than 34 billion barrels of offshore oil they're not even drilling. All it's going to do is give more profits to these oil companies by being able to have publicly-owned reserves on their balance sheets, increasing the value of the oil shares.

The fact is, though, that lies and half truths say far more about the people uttering them than the people who are targeted by them.

## GIVE ARKANSAS WHAT THEY DESERVE: A VOTE ON ENERGY

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, frustration is mounting in the Third District of Arkansas because of the high cost of gasoline. This stack of e-mails which I have with me is just a small portion of the comments my constituents have sent me. And several of them have offered their own ideas of what needs to be done to resolve this energy dilemma and help increase the American energy supply and provide relief at the pump.

The ideas they've proposed are ones we've heard before: We need to increase our production of American energy in a clean, efficient way through wind, solar and hydrogen, as well as tapping into the vast majority of natural resources we have available.

I agree with my constituents that we need to use an "all of the above" energy strategy. That's why I cosponsored the American Energy Act. This encompasses the ideas many of my constituents have been writing me about, increasing our American-made energy supply in an environmentally friendly way, encouraging energy conservation, and promoting renewable and alternative energy technology. We need to act.

## WE NEED A BOLD ENERGY POLICY

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I appreciate some of my Republican colleagues' discussion of some alternative energy, but it hasn't been an "all of the above" voting history for them; it has been a "none of the above" voting history when it comes to the vast sources of energy.

We know America is a bold country, not a timid country. But an energy policy that revolves around exclusively offshore drilling is a timid policy. The large swaths of energy we need are not off the coast, they are in the sunshine falling on our land, the wind blowing in the Midwest, the geothermal below our feet, the wave and tidal power; these are the vast swaths of energy.

Yesterday, right around this building, I drove a plug-in electric hybrid car. That is the future, using electricity driven by the sun. And I wish my Republican colleagues would just take a look at the USA Today newspaper yesterday that talked about the enormous strides being made in solar energy. We need a bold policy that can truly get us out of this pickle. That's one based on energy sources, not the timidity of the Republican Party.

## H. RES. 1206, COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY REFORM PLAN

(Mr. LATTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it was a privilege to travel with Leader

BOEHNER and my fellow Republican colleagues on the American Energy Tour to Colorado and Alaska.

Our mission encompassed the "all of the above" energy policy our constituents have demanded. We've expanded our knowledge of renewable and alternative energy in addition to getting the hard facts on domestic exploration and recovery of our natural resources.

After hosting multiple town hall meetings and speaking with constituents throughout my district, it is clear that they, along with the majority of the American public, support the House Republicans' "all of the above" plan.

This plan calls for nuclear, clean coal technology and a responsible effort to safely explore and recover our domestic natural resources while expanding wind, solar, hydrogen, ethanol and biofuels. This plan is similar to the resolution I introduced on May 15, House Resolution 1206, which is a five-point comprehensive energy reform plan.

We must enact comprehensive energy reform. And until Congress does, our constituents and the economy will continue to suffer.

## IRAQIS CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN 2010

(Mr. ARCURI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, congressional Democrats have repeatedly urged President Bush to bring our troops home from Iraq honorably, responsibly, safely, and soon.

After rejecting 18 months of attempts by the Democratic majority to adopt redeployment timetables, the President now proposes a vague general time horizon that falls far short of a commitment to ending involvement in Iraq. The Iraq Government was more direct. For the second time this month, Iraqi officials have indicated their support for the withdrawal of U.S. combat forces by the end of 2010.

Maybe these statements served as a wake-up call to the Bush administration. It appears they are finally getting the message that the war in Iraq cannot go on indefinitely. Perhaps President Bush should pass the message along to Senator McCain, who continues to believe that our commitment in Iraq will last 50 to 100 years.

Madam Speaker, we need a new direction in Iraq that allows our troops to come home and allows us to focus on the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and around the world.

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## RED BIRCH CANOLA BIODIESEL PROJECT

(Mr. GOODE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)